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C O N F I D E N T I A L MADRID 5253

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, SS, SP, MO, AL, MA

SUBJECT: RELEASE OF MOROCCAN PRISONERS

1. UNDER SECRETARY ROVIRA TOLD ME IN CONFIDENCE JULY 29 THAT SPANISH GOVERNMENT HAD "SECRETLY" RELEASED 16 MOROCCAN PRISONERS CAPTURED BY SPANISH ARMY LAST WEEK. ROVIRA INDICATED THAT SPANISH HAD NOT BEEN ABSOLUTELY SURE WHETHER MOROCCANS HAD, IN FACT, BEEN CAPTURED WITHIN SPANISH SAHARA, AND IN VIEW OF THESE DOUBTS AND DESIRE NOT TO ESCALATE PROBLEMS WITH MOROCCO, MOROCCAN GOVERNMENT HAD BEEN INFORMED THAT PRISONERS WOULD BE RETURNED. ROVIRA STRESSED THAT SPANISH GOVERNMENT WOULD GIVE NO PUBLICITY TO THIS RELEASE.

2. ROVIRA TOLD ME THAT HE HAD LONG TALK WITH MOROCCAN AMBASSADOR ON SAHARAN PROBLEM JULY 28. HE HAD STRESSED HIS DESIRE TO HAVE THIS MATTER SETTLED AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE SO THAT SPAIN CAN WITHDRAW. HE HAD TOLD MOROCCAN AMBASSADOR THAT IF, INDEED, THERE WAS AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN MOROCCO, MAURITANIA AND ALGERIA, THIS SHOULD PRO-

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VIDE THE BASIS FOR AGREEMENT WITH SPAIN. ROVIRA COM-

MENTED THAT MOROCCAN OPPOSITION TO FOUR-POWER CONFERENCE  
CONTINUED TO RAISE QUESTIONS AS TO WHETHER THERE WAS, IN  
FACT, ANY BINDING AGREEMENT BETWEEN MOROCCO AND ALGERIA.  
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